

# Office of Law Enforcement

## *in Rhode Island*

### *Fact Sheet*

#### Represented by the following Members of Congress:

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#### Purpose

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement in Connecticut ensures compliance with federal wildlife laws that protect threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, certain marine mammals, fishes and native species. It also carries out U.S. enforcement obligations under international agreements. These laws and agreements include:

*African Elephant Act*  
*Airborne Hunting Act*  
*Archeological Resources Protection Act*  
*Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act*  
*Endangered Species Act*  
*Exotic Wild Bird Act*  
*Lacey Act*  
*Marine Mammal Protection Act*  
*Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp Act*  
*Migratory Bird Treaty Act as amended*  
*National Wildlife Refuge Act*  
*Recreation Act*

#### Enforcement Activities

##### *Special Agents*

- Investigate alleged violations of federal fish and wildlife laws protecting migratory birds, bald eagles and threatened and endangered species.
- Investigate illegal interstate commerce in fish and wildlife and related products.
- Work undercover, conduct surveillance, make arrests and prepare court cases.
- Assist in resolving law enforcement problems on national wildlife refuges.
- Investigate fish and wildlife deaths caused by contaminants.
- Make presentations about wildlife law enforcement to school groups and respond to inquiries about federal wildlife laws.



*The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.*

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